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SUBJECT: WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING - OCTOBER 8 MEETINGS

1. WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING MET IN MORNING AND AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 8. US DEL CAUCUSED BEFORE MEETING WITH UK, CANADA, AND NONALIGNED ON PROCEEDING DIRECTLY TO ARTICLE 4 (NONALIGNED WORKING PAPER) INSTEAD OF DISCUSSING ARTICLE 1. UK AND OTHERS FELT THAT SINCE THE NONALIGNED HAD PREPARED NEW VERSION OF ARTICLE 1 AND WERE PLANNING TO CIRCULATE IT AT MORNING SESSION, BEST COURSE WOULD BE TO PURSUE ARTICLE 1 AND THEN TAKE UP NONALIGNED PAPER IN CONTEXT ARTICLE 4. DISCUSSION AT MORNING SESSION REVOLVED AROUND ARTICLE 1 IN WORKING DOCUMENT #2 WITH THE INTRODUCTION BY THE NONALIGNED, VIZ. BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA, OF A REVISED FORMULA FOR ARTICLE 1 WHICH WAS ADVOCATED AS A COMPROMISE BETWEEN VERSIONS 1 AND 2. WHILE NONALIGNED ARTICLE 1 VERSION PRESENTED CERTAIN PROBLEMS TO US AND UK DELEGATIONS, USSR TOOK LEAD IN OBJECTING TO IT AND IT WAS FINALLY SHUNTED ASIDE AS DISCUSSION RETURNED TO AN EARLIER SOVIET-INTRODUCED VERSION OF ARTICLE 1. IN COURSE OF THESE

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EXCHANGES US AND SOVIET DELOFF EXCHANGED PHILO-

SOPHICAL VIEWS AND COMMENTS OVER WHO WAS REOPENING WHAT.

2. ARGENTINA DELEGATION, PRAT GAY, AFTER QUIET COACHING FROM US DELEGATION, SUBMITTED AMENDMENT TO SOVIET-INTRODUCED ARTICLE 1 VERSION, NAMELY, DELETING "DIRECTION AND CONTROL" IN FIRST PARA ON GROUNDS THAT SUBPARAGRAPH 8 ALSO REFERRED TO "DIRECTION AND CONTROL." SOVIET DEL OBJECTED STRENUOUSLY TO THIS. PRAT GAY THEN SUGGESTED SUBSTITUTING "SUPERVISION" FOR "DIRECTION AND CONTROL." WHEN OVINNIKOV ALSO REJECTED THIS, CHAIRMAN HARRIMAN STEPPED ASIDE FROM HIS POSITION AS CHAIRMAN AND ALSO PRODDED SOVIET DELEGATION INTO CONSIDERING FAVORABLY REVISED ARGENTINE AMENDMENT. SOVIET DEL MADE UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO RETURN TO ARTILCE 1 ALTERNATIVE 1 OR TO SOVIET VERSION WITHOUT ARGENTINE AMENDMENT. SESSION ENDED WITHOUT PROGRESS WHATSOEVER AND GENERAL VIEW WITH HARRIMAN IN THE LEAD THAT USSR WAS ASSUMING DOGGEDLY INFLEXIBLE ATTITUDE.

3. AFTERNOON SESSION OF WORKING GROUP WAS DEVOTED TO PRACTICAL MEASURES OF PEACEKEEPING. SWEDISH MILITARY ADVISER PRESENTED SWEDISH VIEWS ON PRACTICAL MEASURES FOLLOWED BY USEFUL COMMENTS OF ITALIAN OBSERVER TO WG. CANADIAN DEL SUGGESTED WORKING FILE NO. 1 BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ALL CURRENT FORCES AUTHORIZED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL, VIZ., UNFICYP, UNEF, AND UNDOF. SOV DEL AGREED IN PRINCIPLE BUT ADDED THAT UN SPECIAL MISSIONS TO GUINEA, SENEGAL, AND ZAMBIA SHOULD BE ALSO INCLUDED. FRENCH OBJECTED STRENUOUSLY FOLLOWED BY DISSENTING VIEWS OF BRAZILIAN AND JAPANESE DELS AND CHAIRMAN HARRIMAN WHO LABELLED SOVIET SUGGESTION "A WASTE OF TIME." SOVIET DEL OVINNIKOV RESTATED HIS PROPOSAL DESPITE COMPLETE ISOLATION AND THEN DEPARTED TO ATTEND ANOTHER MEETING LEAVING SOVIET FIRST SECRETARY IN SEAT. IN FACE OF CONSENSUS OPPOSITION, SOVIET FIRST SECRETARY ASKED IF HE COULD RESERVE CONFIDENTIAL

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HIS POSITION UNTIL OCTOBER 11 MORNING SESSION.

4. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 11 AT 10:30 AM WHEN DISCUSSION OF GUIDELINES WILL RESUME. CHAIRMAN INDICATED IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH SEVERAL DELEGATIONS THAT HE ANTICIPATED MEETINGS WOULD BE HELD ON BOTH OCTOBER 11 AND 12, PERHAPS IN BOTH MORNINGS AND AFTERNOONS. INASMUCH AS

PRACTICAL MEASURES DISCUSSION APPEARED TO
WARRANT NO FURTHER WG SESSIONS, PRESUMPTION IS ALL
OF REMAINING MEETINGS WILL BE DEVOTED TO
GUIDELINES.
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